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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR

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1. AMBASSADOR, U.S. PERMREP TO UNEP AND POL COUNSELOR  
DISCUSSED UNEP MATTERS (REPORTED SEPTTEL) AND AFRICAN  
ISSUES WITH SOVIET COUNTERPARTS AT LUNCHEON MARCH 16.  
HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION ON AFRICA FOLLOW.

2. SOUTHERN AFRICA: PER GUIDANCE REFTTEL, WE WELCOMED  
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, STRESSING OUR  
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INTEREST IN PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. WE  
STATED U.S. BELIEF THAT RESTRAINT ON ARMS SUPPLIES IN AREA  
IS IMPORTANT FOR PROMOTION OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. SOVIET  
AMBASSADOR MIROSHNICHENKO SAID PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT  
WAS PRINCIPLED BASIS OF SOVIET POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.  
HOWEVER, SOVIET AND U.S. INTERESTS WERE SOMEWHAT  
DIFFERENT SINCE WE HAD PRIVATE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

AND INVESTMENTS TO PROTECT, WHILE USSR GUIDED SOLELY BY DEVOTION TO CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM FOR PEOPLES OF RHODESIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. PODGORNYY VISIT: MIROSHNICHENKO VOLUNTEERED COMMENT THAT PODGORNYY VISIT TO COUNTRIES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WAS RECIPROCAL FOR VISITS OF KAUNDA, MACHEL, ETC. THIS SEEMED TO BE HIS PREPARED REMARK ON PODGORNYY, INTENDED TO DISPEL ANY NOTION THAT SOVIET AIMS WERE BROADER THAN PROMOTION OF BILATERAL FRIENDSHIP. HE SAID PRESS REPORTS THAT PODGORNYY WOULD TRAVEL IN SUPERSONIC TU-144 WERE WRONG -- IL-62 AND TU-134 WOULD BE USED.

4. UGANDA: WE COMMENTED ON UNHELPFUL NATURE OF SOVIET PRESS INNUENDOS OF ALLEGED U.S. INTIMIDATION DURING RECENT PERIOD OF PROBLEMS WITH U.S. CITIZENS RESIDENT IN UGANDA. MIROSHNICHENKO DENIED THERE HAD BEEN ANY SUCH INNUENDOS.

5. SECRETARY VANCE'S MOSCOW VISIT: MIROSHNICHENKO RAISED SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO MOSCOW IN CONTEXT OF REMARKS ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF EXCHANGING VIEWS ON AFRICAN ISSUES. AMBASSADOR MARSHALL TOOK THIS CUE TO SAY THAT, WITH REGARD TO SOVIET MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN SOMALIA, SECRETARY WOULD WISH TO HEAR SOVIET VIEWS ON INDIAN OCEAN ARMS CONTROL DURING MOSCOW TRIP. (IN MANNER OF PRESENTATION, AMBASSADOR MADE SURE SOVIETS UNDERSTOOD THIS POINT WAS RAISED ON OFFICIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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BASIS, NOT JUST AN PERSONAL OBSERVATION). IGNORING OUR REFERENCE TO SOMALIA, MIROSHNICHENKO REPLIED THAT USSR FAVORS INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE, BUT BELIEVES THIS CONCEPT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT HARM INTERESTS OF ANY COUNTRY, INCLUDING USSR AND U.S. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HE SAID FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION FOR ALL SHIPS, INCLUDING WARSHIPS, WAS ESSENTIAL FOR USSR IN INDIAN OCEAN.

6. EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY: MIROSHNICHENKO COMMENTED ON DIVISIVE TENDENCIES IN EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY, ASKING OUR VIEWS ON ITS PROSPECTS. WE INDICATED OUR DOUBTS THAT COMMUNITY COULD RESOLVE ITS DIFFERENCES IN NEAR FUTURE. MIROSHNICHENKO SAID HE WAS SLIGHTLY MORE OPTIMISTIC; HE BELIEVED ALL THREE EAC COUNTRIES WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL PROBLEMS, AND NONE OF THEM WISHED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BREAKING UP THE COMMUNITY.

7. OTHER SUBJECT: MIROSHNICHENKO FAILED TO TAKE UP CONVERSATIONAL OPENING ON HORN OF AFRICA. NEITHER SOVIETS NOR WE MENTIONED CURRENT CASTRO SAFARI TO THREE OF KENYA'S NEIGHBORS. SOVIETS ALLUDED TO APRIL 3 KANU PARTY ELECTIONS IN KENYA, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT ONE OF THEIR EMBOFFS HAD ATTENDED OGINGA ODINGA PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 16. WE AGREED THAT KANU ELECTIONS WERE IMPORTANT IN CONTEXT OF SUCCESSION TO KENYATTA, EXPRESSED VIEW THAT KENYATTA WAS GIVING THEM HIGH PRIORITY FOR THIS REASON, AND DROPPED THE SUBJECT.

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